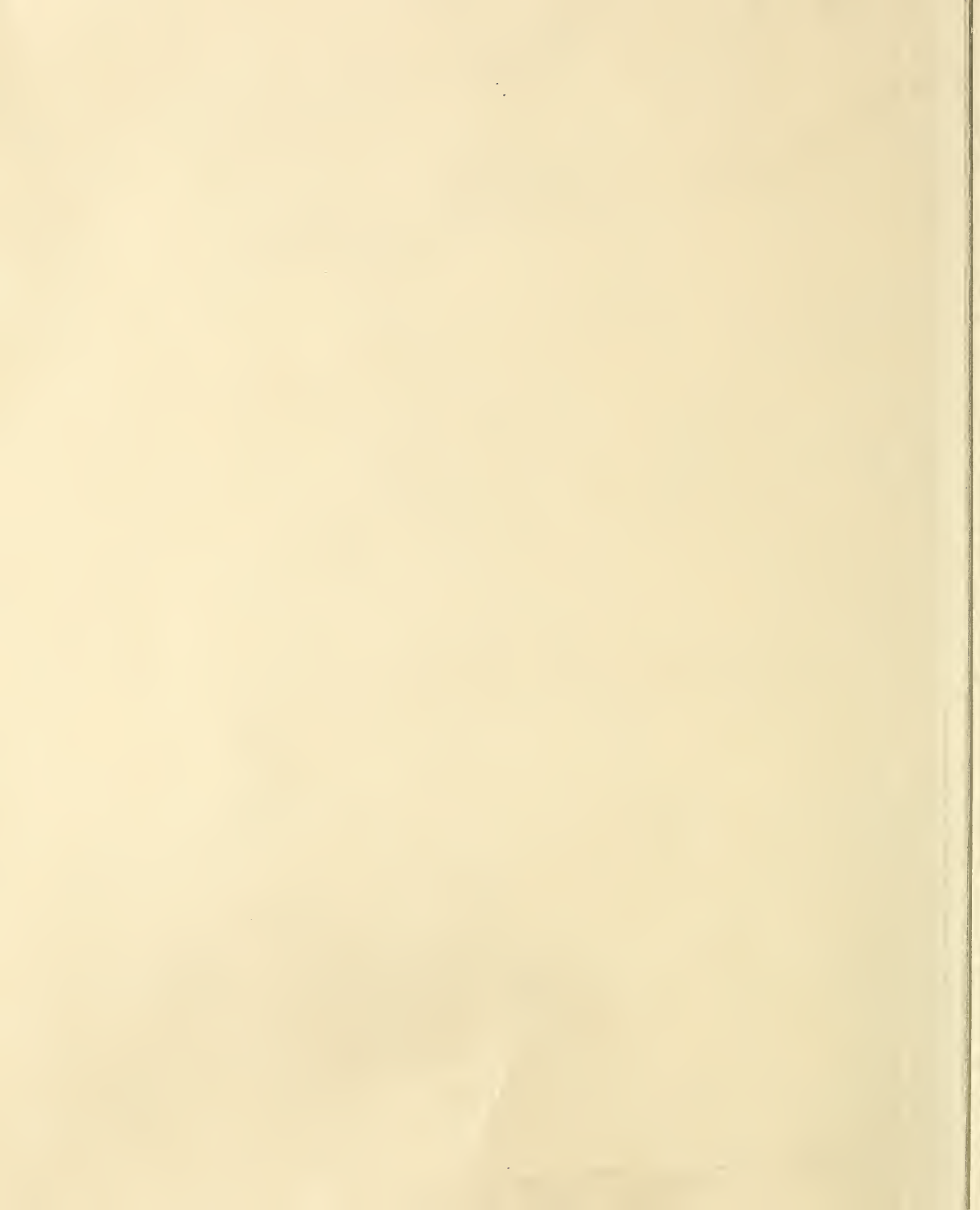


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COTTON GRADE AND STAPLE REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDING AUG. 30

The first report on the grade and staple of cotton ginned from the 1934 crop in the states covered by the Memphis Office, U. S. Grade and Staple Statistics Section, was released today. Although the Memphis District is comprised of the states of Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee and Missouri, the report released today applies only to the Mississippi Bottoms Soil Areas of Mississippi and Arkansas. Ginning has not progressed sufficiently in the remaining areas of these states nor in Tennessee and Missouri for use as the basis of a report.

In the state of Mississippi about 97 percent of the cotton received and classed to date has conformed to the Extra White Color Standards as revised effective August 10, 1933. Approximately 95 percent of the cotton has classed Strict Middling or better in grade.

Staple lengths in Mississippi are better than in the first report for last season. On September 7, 1933 about 45 percent of the samples classed were 1-1/8 inches and longer, compared with slightly above 68 percent for September 1st this year. About 13 percent has been 1-3/16 inches in length and slightly less than 1 percent 1-1/4 inches and longer. Practically all cotton ginned and classed to date has been normal in preparation.

Ginnings from the Mississippi Bottoms in Arkansas are about two weeks earlier than last season, the first report for that state having been released on September 16, 1933. Almost all cotton classed to date for Arkansas has been Extra White in color and practically all has been Middling and better in grade. Over 62 percent has been Good Middling and better in grade.

Arkansas staple lengths from these early ginnings are quite equally distributed over 15/16 inches, 1 inch, 1-1/16 inches and 1-1/8 inches. These four lengths account for about 80 percent of the cotton ginned and classed. About 97 percent of the Arkansas samples have been normal in preparation, the remaining 3 percent have been one degree below normal.

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